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MEMORANDUM

TO: NEA - Mr. Saunders

THROUGH: NEA - Mrs. Jane A. Coon

FROM: NEA/PAB - Robert A. Peck

SUBJECT: Briefing for Dubs Family; Thursday, February 14; 3:30 p.m.; NEA Conference Room

Mary Ann Dubs and a few other members of the Dubs family (see attached list) will arrive at the Department at 3:15 p.m. Ron Lorton will meet and escort them to Sheldon Krys' office for a brief courtesy call.

From there, the group will be escorted to the NEA Conference Room for the briefing on the SY investigation report at 3:30 p.m. Others planning to attend are Ambassador Palmer (M/DG), Michael Coughlin (A/SY) and Ronald Kelly (RSS Karachi). I would suggest you make a few introductory remarks along the following lines:

-- The Department has given high priority and devoted every available resource to a thorough investigation which took well over half a year to complete.

-- In addition to a thorough examination of our own resources in seeking answers to still outstanding questions, we have used diplomatic channels to seek additional information from the Soviets and other countries.

-- In Kabul, Charge Bruce Amstutz has been untiring in his repeated efforts to solicit cooperation and additional information from the Afghan authorities.

-- In spite of these efforts, there are still many unanswered questions. Since all of the principal actors in the incident are now dead, it is probable we may never get satisfactory answers.

-- Nonetheless, we will continue to be alert for any new evidence which would help answer these questions, and we will not consider the investigation closed in the hope that additional information may some day become available.

Ron Lorton will then distribute copies of the summary of the report to the family members and give a briefing on its contents. Mike Coughlin will then explain the techniques of the investigation and both will be prepared to respond to questions.

If you are unable to attend the briefing, Jane Coon will chair and we will bring the family group to your office for a short courtesy call at about 4:25 p.m.

I plan to brief Jane Dubs, Spike's first wife, on Friday before we send copies of the report to the Hill next week.

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cc: A/SY - Mr. Coughlin
NEA/EX - Mr. Krys
M/DG - Ambassador Palmer
Embassy KABUK

DUBS FAMILY MEMBERS TO ATTEND BRIEFING

ON SY INVESTIGATION REPORT

Thursday, February 14; 3:30 p.m.

NEA Conference Room

Mrs. Mary Ann Dubs, widow

Mr. Alexander Dubs, brother

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Milford (wife Vim), brother-in-law and sister

Ms. Lindsay Dubs, daughter

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Vaskowski (wife Mary), Mary Ann's parents